Appl. No. 09/879,004

## REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted herewith to amend claims 1 and 6. These proposed changes are merely editorial in nature.

The proposed changes do not add new matter nor do they raise any new issues. Accordingly, entry thereof is requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

Terrell C. Birch, #19,382

P.O. Box 747

Falls Church, VA 22040-0747

(703) 205-8000

0033-0731P

TCB/CMV/jdm